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SUBJECT: U.S. CONCERN OVER PUBLIC REPORTS OF ISRAELI  
SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA

ON AUGUST 12 ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON SPOKE WITH AMB.  
DINITZ ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER  
THE EFFECT OF THE CURRENT PUBLICITY SURROUNDING ISRAELI  
SALES OF PATROL BOATS TO SOUTH AFRICA. ATHERTON NOTED  
THAT ON THE EVE OF THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN  
COLOMBO SUCH PUBLICITY COULD HAVE DAMAGING EFFECTS ON U.S.  
EFFORTS TO AVERT OR MODERATE ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTIONS  
FAVORED BY THE MORE RADICAL NON-ALIGNED GOVERNMENTS. DINITZ  
EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE SECRETARY'S CONCERN OVER  
THE TIMING OF SUCH PUBLICITY AND PROMISED TO REPORT THIS  
MATTER TO JERUSALEM. KISSINGER

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